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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/930,697	Applicant(s) SQUIERS, ROBERT J.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/12/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7,9-12,14 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,6,8,13 and 15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7,9-12,14 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on 15 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. Applicant's election of the species of FIG. 1, claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-12, 14 and 16 in the reply filed on 5/12/05 is acknowledged and claims 2, 6, 8, 13, and 15 are withdrawn from further consideration on the merits as non-elected claims.

Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3-5, 9-12, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Parulski et al (US 5,633,678).

With regard to claim 1, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, an electronic digital camera that performs the method for cataloging an image created by digital camera (the digital camera includes categorization feature, col. 4, lines 56-60), the method comprising the steps of manually inputting a

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character sequence an input device for the digital camera (a host computer and user control switches 29, col. 4, lines 56-67 and col. 1, 1-10 and lines 52-67); creating a memory file on the digital camera subject to identification by said character sequence (memory files 80, 82, 84 and 86 includes file names that are used to identify the images, col. 7, lines 59-65 and col. 6, lines 44-67 and col. 7, lines 1-40); assigning the image to said memory file (each image is assigned to a corresponding file, col. 7, lines 45-67 and Fig. 10); and storing the image in said file (images are stored in a memory card 24, col. 5, line 9).

With regard to claim 3, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, an electronic digital camera that performs the step of assigning includes the step transmitting said file remote server (a host computer is used a a server to store images from the digital camera, col. 5, lines 1-9).

With regard to claim 4, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, an electronic digital camera that performs the step of manually advancing said character sequence coinciding with said image (the computer key pad includes keys that are used to generate file manes).

With regard to claim 5, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, a camera system including an electronic digital camera and host

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computer, which comprises a character string (character string includes alphabetic categories, col. 6, lines 54-59); a character input device subject to receive said character string (a host computer generates names text by converting character strings entered by a user, col. 6, lines 60-67); and a memory file on the digital camera subject identification by said character string (memory card 24 stores memory files which are used to identify images by using image file names, col. 7, lines 50-65), said memory file further subject to electronically store the digital image (images are stored under file names, col. 7, lines 45-65).

With regard to claim 7, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, a camera system including an electronic digital camera and host computer, which comprises the character input device is a keypad (host computer includes a key pad).

With regard to claim 9, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, a camera system including an electronic digital camera and host computer, which comprises the memory file contains multiple digital images (images are shown in Fig. 10).

With regard to claim 10, claim 10 recites what was discussed with respect to claim 4.

With regard to claim 11, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, a camera system including an electronic digital camera and

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host computer, which comprises the second data transfer link which connects the digital camera to a remote server (a cable connection, col. 4, lines 65-66).

With regard to claim 12, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, a camera system including an electronic digital camera and host computer, which comprises the character string (col. 6, lines 55-59); character input device subject to receive said character string (a key pad of a host computer col. 4, lines 54-67); memory file on the digital camera subject to identification by said character string, said memory file further subject to electronically store the digital image (image files, col. 7, lines 45-65 include file names to identify the files, col. 7, lines 24-65); switch which advances a sequential indicator for said digital image within said memory file (user control switches 29 are used to advance file names that are indicated as tag icon 52a, col. 5, lines 55-67 and col. 6, lines 45+); and the remote server subject to receive said memory 12 file (a host computer is used to generates file names, col. 4, line 64).

With regard to claim 14, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, a camera system including an electronic digital camera and host computer, which comprises the character input device is a keypad (the computer key pad).

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With regard to claim 16, Parulski et al discloses in Fig. 2, a camera system including an electronic digital camera and host computer, which comprises the memory file contains multiple digital images (image files are stored in files 80, 82, 84 and 86 as shown in Fig. 10).

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tanaka et al (US 2001/0041056) discloses a digital camera that can classify images and transmit images to a remote station.

Anderson (US 6,532,039) discloses a digital camera that can stamp captured images.

Kuba et al (US 5,806,072) discloses an electronic camera hat can store image under directory or subdirectory.

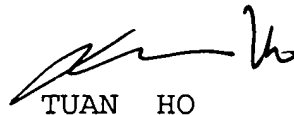
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUAN HO whose telephone number is (571) 272-7365. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 7AM to 4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is
(572) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status
of this application or proceeding should be directed to the
Customer Service whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tuan Ho', with a stylized flourish at the end.

TUAN HO

Primary Examiner

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